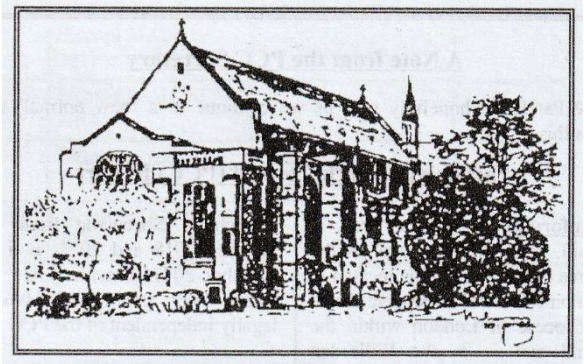
The Parish Church of
St John the Baptist Greenhill

(The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John Greenhill, Harrow – a registered charity)



Annual Report (Pages 1 to 19)
and Accounts (Pages 20 to 27)
for 2025

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The Annual Reports of the Parochial Church Council of Greenhill and of the Parish Activities Generally for 2025

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Report

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Administrative Information:

The Church is situated in Greenhill, better known today as the central shopping area of Harrow and is located at the junction of Station Road and Sheepcote Road. It is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England and is in the Willesden Episcopal Area.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under the title of "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Greenhill, Harrow" (number 1138108) and it was registered in 2010. The Victoria Hall, which is next to the Church in Sheepcote Road and was rebuilt between 2018 and 2021 is a registered charity (number 207730) with a new registered charity taking over (number 1174963) and both are legally independent of the PCC.

PCC members who have served from the 1st January 2025 to the date this report was approved are as follows. The initials 'APCM' stand for Annual Parochial Church Meeting and that meeting for 2025 took place on Sunday, 18th May 2025. Dates of expiry of membership do not preclude the person concerned from standing for re-election. If no date of appointment or election is given, the person concerned was a member of the PCC at the 1st January 2025.

The Revd Wendy Wall*	Ex officio (Vicar) from her induction on the 17th June 2025	Chair ex officio	Until she leaves or retires from office A member of the Deanery Synod ex officio
Mr Peter Polkinghorne*	Ex officio Churchwarden	Alternating Vice-Chair	To Archdeacon's Visitation 2026
Mrs Catherine Still*	Ex officio Churchwarden	Alternating Vice-Chair	To Archdeacon's Visitation 2026
The Revd Ajay More	Ex officio Associate Vicar		Until he leaves or retires from office A member of the Deanery Synod ex officio
Mr Peter Hawkins*	Ex officio Deanery Synod Representative	Secretary	Elected to the Deanery Synod by the Parish to 31st July 2026
Mr Tim Mackenzie	Ex officio Deanery Synod Representative		Elected to the Deanery Synod by the Parish to 31st July 2026
Mr Derek Biddle	Elected to APCM 2028		
Mrs Claire Cook*	Elected to APCM 2027		

Mrs Maggie Dawson	Elected to APCM 2028		
Mr Simon Patrick*	Elected to APCM 2028	Treasurer	
Miss Patricia Roney	Elected to APCM 2027		
Mr Linus Rozario	Elected to APCM 2026		
Miss Vicki Swinchatt*	Elected to APCM 2026		

* A member of the Standing Committee of the PCC.

The Vicar and Churchwardens are ex officio members of the Standing Committee.

Structure, Governance and Management: The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities: The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar in promoting the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish of Greenhill. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Greenhill, Sheepcote Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 2JE. The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Vicar's Report:

I begin my report with heartfelt thanks to you, the church family at St John's for the warm welcome you have given to me and Shane on our arrival in Greenhill.



It was my honour to be inducted into the role of Vicar on 17th June 2025; when I meet friends and family they still talk about the wonderful hospitality shown that evening.

As I reflect on the last 9 months, I am reminded of a story in I Samuel 7, when the Israelites return to the Lord and reconsecrate themselves to Him. The Philistines come to attack them while they are worshipping, and in fear, they ask Samuel to keep praying for them. He does, and the Lord answers him. The Lord thunders against the Philistines who panic and run, with the Israelites pursuing them. Samuel sets up a stone as a memorial, and calls the stone 'Ebenezer', which means 'stone of help', saying 'Thus far the Lord has helped us'.

We are building on the history and good foundations of all that has gone before. As I get to know people, the local community and the church building, I would like to honour all that has brought us this far, with God's help.

I am grateful to Cath Still and Peter Polkinghorne for all their support and wisdom as church wardens during the vacancy and my first few months as Vicar. I must also thank the Revd Ajay More for the many contributions he makes to the life of St John's Church. My thanks go to Tina, too, for her organisational skills and all the preparation she does to ensure the services and the church office run smoothly.

Many of you give generously of your time and money, which has been carefully stewarded by Simon Patrick our treasurer who was, during a visit by the Willesden Area Giving and Finance Adviser Catherine Stephens, commended for his meticulous oversight of the church finances. Thank you, Simon.

Since July 2025 when the lath and plaster ceiling fell in the Servers' Vestry, Peter Polkinghorne and I have focussed time and energy on repairing the external roof. The snagging issues with the Skylight Room, in particular the external doors, are still under discussion with the architect and the contractors. We hope to resolve these issues soon.

The most recent Quinquennial Inspection was undertaken in 2025. As well as ongoing maintenance, the current priorities are: completing the work on the roof above the Servers' and Vicar's vestries, increasing the security of the church, making the roof safe and attending to any places where rain is continuing to find its way in.

Cath Still has joined Derek Biddle as a second Parish Safeguarding Officer. We have worked hard over the last 9 months to update the safeguarding policies and procedures, and to further embed the church's safeguarding culture.

I am grateful to Cath Still who coordinates the children's groups on Sunday mornings, to Jill Polkinghorne who co-leads, and the team of helpers, whose commitment has enabled the group to move into the Skylight Room during the service. All age services were re-introduced in October 2025, and the children have enjoyed reading and praying in the services.



Thank you Dominica Parry and Cath Still for leading Messy Church, and to all who help monthly on Sunday afternoons. You give so generously of your time and energy to these vital ministries, which are bearing fruit.

The monthly men's and women's breakfasts are a valuable addition to the monthly calendar. Bible study, prayer and fellowship accompany a delicious breakfast. Thanks to Ajay, Maggie, Cath and Jill for organising these.

I am grateful to Dominica for leading the Gospel Choir over many years. She also arranged carol singing at the Age UK Christmas party, which was enjoyed by all (see photo p.9).

As a priest it is always a privilege to walk alongside people at significant times in their lives. It was sad to say goodbye to Walter Boulton, husband of Rachael, who died on 22nd October 2025, and to Peter Baxter-Ludlow who passed away suddenly on 28th October. It was an honour to take their services at Breakspear Crematorium. We give thanks for their lives; please keep their families in your prayers.

I have enjoyed building relationships with St Jerome School as an Ex-Officio school governor and visiting the school regularly to lead Collective Worship. A new parents' prayer group has started meeting every half term in the Skylight Room which has been attended by 8 - 12 people each time.

I am a trustee of the Victoria Hall, along with Cath Still and Peter Polkinghorne, and we meet regularly to discuss strategy, policy and to have oversight of this wonderful community asset.

I also serve on Diocesan Synod, the largest governing body in the London Diocese. Members represent their local churches in decisions which help to shape the priorities and mission of the Diocese of London.

I am so grateful as I read the annual report for all we are doing and for all that is undertaken by you as volunteers. Thank you for all you do in the life and witness of our church and community.

Please continue to pray for our mission and ministry as we give thanks for another busy year and look forward to continuing the story of Christ's church in Greenhill and beyond. The Lord, who has helped us thus far, promises that He will send 'an angel ahead of us to guard us along the way and bring us to the place He has prepared' (Exodus 23.20). Let us commit the next year and all He has planned for us into God's loving hands. - *Revd Wendy Wall, Vicar.*



Associate Vicar's Report:

Barry's unexpected departure brought about mixed emotions for me. It meant that I had to manage St John and Naya Jivan Church on my own for a significant period. This challenge was compounded by Kavita's ill health at the time. However, with the support of the current wardens, Cath and Peter, Tina, our administrator, as well as several other leaders, I was able to oversee the church operations smoothly, without major difficulties or issues. We kept all our regular worshippers during the vacancy and even gained new members. I am greatly encouraged to see that our congregation looks more diverse than before. I thank God for His strength and the support of all the church leaders.

During this transition, I took the opportunity to empower new leaders and appointed several individuals to preacher roles, which enriched both my leadership and offered opportunities for others to be involved in the Church activities. It was gratifying to see people such as KK, Paul, Kim, Simon, and Cath join the preaching rota and assist with these responsibilities. There are also other people (Christiana, Michelle, Maggie, Niwaha, Janice, Julian) who joined the prayer ministry and reading rotas, to whom I am very thankful.

Alongside St John's, I also managed Naya Jivan Church, which meets every Sunday evening. Therefore, I was unable to oversee the Evensong

service. I am grateful to Simon for taking full responsibility of it and managing it well. I want to express my appreciation to all those who supported and assisted me during this vacancy period.

We were able to gather together and develop new ideas for future changes, concluding in a parish profile that guided our vision and was used to advertise the vacancy for our new Vicar. A special thanks goes to Cath for taking the initiative and helping us create a concise parish profile.

During the vacancy, we conducted three baptisms and continued to foster spiritual growth through summer Bible studies. It was encouraging to welcome newcomers, some of whom had their children baptized. We also extended our support to an Iranian lady who, after participating in our Summer Bible study, accepted Christ and came forward for baptism; this was a particularly rewarding experience.

Additionally, we had two marriage blessing ceremonies in the church, which added value to our ministry. I had the privilege of leading the Advent course, as well as the present Lent course—two important seasons in Christian life—and we successfully guided the congregation through these meaningful periods.

Now, as the new Vicar has arrived and we recently held our vision day, I feel greatly encouraged and look forward to providing leadership alongside the new team under the new Vicar. - *Rev Ajay More (Associate Vicar).*

Worship

Church Attendance:

The mean average October weekly attendance was 89 against 64 for October 2024. This included attendance in person in Church and at the Church at home Zoom presentations. The Electoral Roll reported at the APCM was 66 members against 103 members in 2024. This reduction was caused by the six yearly renewal of the Electoral Roll in 2025 when all members had to re-apply and the pandemic of 2020. - *Peter Hawkins, PCC Secretary.*

Choir: We were joined by the choir of St John's, Stanmore, for our Induction service in June, with their organist, Philip Rees (who grew up in this parish) playing for us. Our other three major events this year were the usual ones: our annual performance of Stainer's Crucifixion in on Good Friday (this time with John Wyatt conducting), the Harrow Deanery Choirs Festival in October (this year at St John's, Stanmore), and our Carols by Candlelight, where we were once again joined by extra singers from the

congregation and for which Ben Cook played the organ. Meanwhile we continue to lead the sung sections of the worship week by week, but as usual could do with some new members, especially any who could sing alto, tenor or bass. - *Simon Patrick.*

Gospel Choir:

The Gospel Choir aims to worship God and share the good news of Jesus through joyful singing, in church and in the wider community.

In 2025 we continued to contribute to the 10am service once a month, including Racial Justice Sunday. We were especially delighted to sing at the Induction of our new vicar, Rev Wendy Wall, in June, and at a thanksgiving service for Doris and William Duesbury's 60th wedding anniversary in December. We donated £200 from our funds to the Diocesan ALMA Lent Appeal to support churches in Mozambique and Angola with environmental projects.



Our busy Advent/Christmas season began with carol-singing for the Harrow Age UK group in the Victoria Hall. We then took part in St John's 'Carols & Curry', bringing Christmas cheer to passers-by, publicising the Christmas services, and raising £187.67 which was shared between Harrow Foodbank and Firm Foundation. Finally, we sang carols for the Navjivan Vadil Kendra social group in Wembley, where we enjoyed a delicious lunch and Ajay helped us share the Christmas message.

Thanks to everyone who has been part of the Gospel Choir in 2025 and all who have supported and encouraged us. It has been a joy to welcome new members during the year. If you enjoy singing or play an instrument, you would be most welcome to join us - please speak to Doris or any of the choir members. - *Dominica Parry.*

Servers:

The Church Servers support our vicars in making our morning services run smoothly. They lead the choir in and out of the church service, carry the cross to and from the altar, help prepare the altar for communion, and help to serve the wine. We currently have 5 servers, and would welcome more. If you would be interested in a conversation about serving in this way, please speak to me. - *Simon Patrick.*

Sides people:

The ministry of our sides people in 2025 has been vital in welcoming people into the church and providing support during the service. More sides people are needed and the qualifications for becoming a sides person are that your name is on the Parish Electoral Roll. If you are interested (male or female), please see me. – *Peter Hawkins.*

Flower Team:

As always the Flower Team has had a busy year. My grateful thanks go to all the regular team members. Thank you also to those kind and helpful people who have joined us to help prepare and decorate the church for special occasions and to those who donate greenery for our use. We couldn't manage without you. Thank you too to those who donate money for flowers, it is much appreciated. If there is anyone who would like to join the Flower Team, we supply full support and training, please speak to me. - *Jill Polkinghorne.*



Mission Links

Poppy Day Appeal: Thanks to collectors and a box in church, we had a collection for the Poppy Appeal again this year, and with good support we raised just over £2,120, a significant increase on last year. We were the only collectors in central Harrow that I saw. Thanks also to Terry Hissey (Royal British Legion) for support. - *Peter Polkinghorne*

Community Engagement

Website:

Following just over a year with a temporary website, our new one was launched in June. Thanks are due to Himanshu Darji for designing it and to Derek Biddle for doing battle with the hosting and domain name arrangements to make it appear. - *Simon Patrick.*

Welcome Centre:

The Welcome Centre continued to operate on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, run in conjunction with Our Lady and St Thomas Catholic Church. We welcome around 20 or more visitors a session and have a core of regulars. The sessions also ensure the church is open for prayer. If you would like to support this ministry, please speak to me. - *Peter Polkinghorne.*

Open Church:



Teams of volunteers keep the church open on Fridays from 12 noon to 2 pm, and a handful of people come in to wander round, pray or talk to us. We lost Peter Baxter-Ludlow on his sad death in October and are grateful to Linda Clark for joining the team. If you are interested in joining the team and helping to keep the church open, please let me know. - *Simon Patrick.*

Church Gardens:

Thank you to all those who have helped to maintain the grounds over the last year, including Peter Polkinghorne, Steve Last and Linda Clark. - *Peter Hawkins, PCC Secretary.*

Concerts:

We held 18 concerts in the year (not counting another 11 summer concerts, separately organised), with an attendance ranging from 36 to 92 with an average of 54, a slight increase on the figure of 51 in 2024. Two new performers took part, as well as the large number of regulars. I am grateful to our band of helpers for enabling these concerts to take place, including by bringing and serving the food and welcoming people at the door. We made a small surplus for church funds. - *Simon Patrick.*

Firm Foundation Night Shelter:

In 2025, I volunteered as an overnight sleeper. If you are interested in helping in the future, as an overnight sleeper or with meals, please contact me. - *Peter Polkinghorne.*

Bereavement Care:

St John's is once again a corporate member of Bereavement Care, a charity that provides support to bereaved people in the London Boroughs of Harrow and Hillingdon and their surrounding areas. Support is provided by volunteer visitors, drop-in listeners, and, predominantly, clients are given support by way of weekly appointments by phone.

All volunteers undertake a training course at Bereavement Care and there are several training courses each year.

Referrals are often made by our Vicar or other members of the Pastoral Team at St John's to Bereavement Care.

Those who have died are commemorated at St John's at the celebration of All Souls in November, and 'a tree of life' in December gives visitors an opportunity to offer their thanks, prayers or thoughts for the lives of their departed loved ones.

We would like to thank Kim Parry for his services as Pastoral Assistant and Lay Preacher at St Johns over several years and we wish Kim and his wife Dominica every blessing as they move away from the area.

I am now the representative of St John's Church for Bereavement care and look forward to continuing the work that Valerie Harrington and Kim have been doing. - *Maggie Dawson.*

Christian Growth

Women's Breakfasts:

After meeting at St Cuthbert's during 2024 (grateful thanks to Tina and her team for their gracious welcome), we were delighted to be able to come home to St John's in February 2025 and start meeting in the Skylight Room. Numbers have grown during the year, with about ten people attending each time, and it has been good to welcome familiar faces and new people too, especially Wendy. We meet at 9.30 on the first Saturday of the month, for breakfast, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. We take it in turns to lead the Bible study; in the autumn we explored the story of Ruth and intend to move on to the story of Esther next. It is wonderful to have this time and space to share our thoughts, our questions, our stories and our concerns, and to feel God's blessing as his daughters at St John's. We are very grateful to



everyone for what they bring to the sessions, and to Maggie for organising us and running comms. Please come and join us! *Cath Still*

Men's Breakfasts: began in November 2025 and continue to meet monthly, with Bible study, prayer, food and fellowship. Thank you, Ajay, for arranging these.

Courses are run twice a year, during Advent and Lent: A 3-week Advent course 'Hope Explored' was led by Ajay, KK, Muhila and Wendy in December 2025, attended by 6-8 people each week. Those who attended enjoyed the food, films and discussions. If you have any ideas for outreach, discipleship events or courses, please speak to Wendy or Ajay.

Ajay and Wendy meet on Thursdays for **Prayer and Pastries** in the Skylight Room and welcome anyone who wants to join for ½ an hour of prayer at 8am. It's a great way to start the day! - *Wendy Wall*

Children's Work

Children's Work on Sundays:

Children's activities during the 10.00 am service

We continue to meet on Sundays during the morning service, offering teaching and activities for children aged 3 to 12. We explore the Gospel lesson at the children's level, through stories, games and crafts. By the middle of 2025 we regularly had 5 or 6 children (God is very good!) and were outgrowing our space in the chapel so it was wonderful to be able to move to the Skylight Room from November, with a team of volunteers to make that happen. I am very grateful to Jill Polkinghorne for sharing the leading of the sessions and to Renita, Sabitha, Sandra and Michelle for their faithful support.

During the year we enjoyed an activity afternoon at the Vicarage (thank you to Wendy and Shane for your hospitality) and a Christmas outing to Nando's. It is a joy to see our young people bonding in fun and also in faith. The children have also participated in the newly established all age services, including offering readings and prayers and an amazing Nativity play.

We have been delighted to offer the children's area as a space for families with very young children during the service, and to welcome one or more families there most weeks. - *Cath Still.*



Messy Church:

Messy Church has continued to meet monthly on Sunday afternoons throughout the year, except for August and December. This year we had a July session for the first time, which was well attended. We offer a mixture of craft activities, songs, prayer, stories and fellowship to the families, ministering to the parents and carers as much as to the children.

God has really blessed our sessions this year: about 50 different families attended our Messy Church sessions in 2025. The average attendance was 14 families per session, which is similar to 2024 and higher than the years before that. We have been pleased to strengthen our links with St Jerome's this year and to welcome many school families. We could not carry out this amazing ministry without our faithful team of crafters, caterers, tidiers and keeping-us-safers - thank you! We always need more help, especially as our numbers grow, so please consider prayerfully whether this is something you could help with. - - *Cath Still.*

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care:

Pastoral Care at St John's (providing members of St John's with care and support both practical and spiritual) is mainly carried out informally. Home Communion is taken to members of the church family who cannot attend services at church, and some attend online.



The Prayer Ministry Team offers prayer at the end of the 10.00am Communion Service to all who request this. Training is given if you are interested in serving in this way. We also have prayers in the Chapel at about 9.30am – before the 10.00am Sunday Communion Service to which all are welcome.

At Christmas, the Lights of Life Tree has proved to be a welcome focus for those missing loved ones, by leaving names on the tree in remembrance. – *Peter Hawkins, PCC Secretary.*

Safeguarding

Safeguarding:

The PCC places the highest regard on safeguarding to ensure the children, young people and any vulnerable adults who attend our services, participate in our activities, attend our groups or use church premises are kept safe. We take our responsibilities most seriously and follow the recommended practice contained within the Church of England's Parish Safeguarding Handbook.

Key Highlights/Summary

This report contains the safeguarding summary since Revd Wendy Wall was licensed as the new Vicar of St John the Baptist Greenhill on 17th June 2025.

Although PCC members who worked directly with children were DBS checked to the appropriate level, all now have an up to date DBS check. DBS checks have also been extended to include everyone who works with children on Sunday morning and adults who help at Messy Church. Thank you to Tracey Teh, Lead Recruiter, for all her hard work in this area.

In July 2025 Catherine Still became our second Parish Safeguarding Officer in addition to Derek Biddle.

1. Governance and Policy
    - Policy Updates to safeguarding policies and procedures

Between July 2025 and January 2026, the PCC have reviewed and updated their safeguarding policies and procedures, including:

1. Promoting a Safer Church statement
2. Promoting a Safer Church policy
3. The Diocese of London Safeguarding Policy Statement
4. Recruitment of Ex-Offenders statement and policy
5. The Parish Safeguarding Officer draft role description
6. The Lone Working Policy
7. Code of Safer Working Practice
8. Summary of procedure for dealing with a disclosure/allegation
9. Social Media Policy

10. The Church's safeguarding culture
11. Support for victims and survivors
12. Fire and food safety training
13. GDPR
14. Safeguarding Action Plan
15. Parish Safeguarding Handbook



- Confirmation of staff training compliance

Prior to the new vicar's arrival, the PCC updated their online safeguarding training. The Domestic Abuse training for many PCC members needed to be renewed in January 2026 and this has now been completed.

- Accountability: Role of Designated Safeguarding Lead

The Designated Safeguarding Adviser for Willesden Angela Colman visited the church on 22nd July 2025 to carry out a safeguarding audit, which has been helpful in identifying policies and practice that we needed to update to remain compliant with the Church of England's safeguarding requirements.

2. Safeguarding Activity Data
    - Total Number of Concerns Reported
      Two safeguarding concerns have arisen during this time period.
    - Outcome of Concerns
      Both concerns were discussed with the Parish Safeguarding Officers.
      Both were referred to the Designated Safeguarding Adviser and have now been resolved.
3. Training and Awareness
    - Staff Training
      See above
    - Safer Recruitment
      All those involved in recruitment have completed the Safer Recruitment training.

'Safeguarding' remained a substantive item on every PCC meeting agenda. It is the responsibility of every member of the church family and

we must all play our part to ensure that St John's Church remains a safe place where everyone can flourish. If you have any questions about our safeguarding procedures or a concern, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officers, Cath Still or Derek Biddle, or the Diocese of London's Duty Safeguarding Adviser. - *Revd Wendy Wall*

You can contact Cath and Derek via: 07768 695040 or the Duty Safeguarding Adviser on: 020 7932 1224, safeguarding@london.anglican.org

Finance

Planned Giving (Stewardship):



Thank you to members of our congregation who support the work of St John's through the Planned Giving Scheme. Total donations in the scheme increased by £1,299 (2.6%) in 2025. Your generosity has helped us to keep the church open, maintain the building and reach out to the local community through mission and support over the year. There are currently 34 members who give by standing order and 9 who give using numbered envelopes.

All who regularly attend St John's are encouraged to consider joining the scheme and committing to a regular level of giving, either by standing order or through numbered envelopes (which would be supplied). Regular giving provides St John's with a stable and predictable income, enabling the PCC to plan and manage its finances more effectively. Taxpayers are invited to complete a Gift Aid declaration, allowing the church to reclaim an additional 25% in tax relief on donations.

I took on the role of Planned Giving Recorder during 2025 and have introduced a specialised software system to manage donations and simplify Gift Aid claims to HMRC. I would like to thank Simon Patrick for all the help and support he gave me while getting to grips with my new role: - *Claire Cook.*

Card giving machine:

Following an experiment with a machine borrowed from the Diocese of London in September, the PCC agreed in October to buy a machine which can take donations by debit or credit card, and (including the experiment) it had more than paid for itself in donations by the end of 2025 (although

we do not know how many donations would otherwise have been made in cash). Donations of £30 or under automatically attract Gift Aid under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. As part of the same payment system we can also accept on-line donations on the website, and people buying food at concerts can pay using a mobile phone belonging to one of the concert team. - *Simon Patrick.*

Financial Review:

As the receipts in 2025 fell below £250,000 for the first time since 2022, so the accounts have reverted to the receipts and payments basis, with the figures for 2024 re-stated to match. On this basis the total receipts to the General Fund were £154,602 (2024: £155,638) and the total payments were £153,860 (2024: £149,138), leaving a surplus, before transfers, of £742.65 (2024: £6,501). This was caused by a small increase in planned giving but a decrease in the interest received; on the payments side the Common Fund payments went up by £8,680 and total energy costs by £3,168 (increases in electricity but decreases in gas) but expenditure on the three properties went down by £12,000 following a catching-up exercise on 76 and 77 Moore House in 2024. There was higher expenditure this year from the Fabric Fund, mainly on the repair of the roof of the former servers' vestry (continuing). Most of the remaining payments for the extension took place in 2025 (£93,200), almost emptying the Annex fund and also requiring a contribution of £55,300 from the Legacies and Donations Fund (with thanks to the late Philip and Janet Barnes and Len Gray). This was offset by rebates of nearly £44,000 of VAT from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme. Expenditure on a smaller scale will be necessary in 2026. Our reserves policy is set out in Note 12 to the accounts. - *Simon Patrick, PCC Treasurer.*

Conclusion to the Reports

The foregoing reports give an insight into the work of the Parochial Church Council, the parish organisations under its aegis and other associated organisations within the wider church.

We are grateful for all this work and we thank all those who have made these things possible. Also we thank all those who have taken the time and trouble to write these reports – no easy task. Finally on behalf of us

all I extend my grateful thanks to our Vicar, the Revd Wendy Wall, our Associate Vicar, the Revd Ajay More and the Churchwardens and their families for the sacrifices they make for us. – *Peter Hawkins, PCC Secretary.*

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council the Revd Wendy Wall……..Chair 18th April 2026

The Accounts (Financial Statements) Follow

Church of St John the Baptist, Greenhill, Harrow

Receipts and payments account 2025

	Unre-stricted	Desig-nated	Re-stricted	Total 2025	*Total 2024*
RECEIPTS					
Receipts from generated funds					
Voluntary income					
Planned giving (by gift aid)	49,105	670	8,235	58,010	*55,399*
Income tax recovered	13,087	153	1,802	15,042	*15,390*
Planned giving (not gift aided)	3,330	–	–	3,330	*3,975*
Collections	6,776	20	1,078	7,874	*6,200*
Legacies	—	947	–	947	*46,750*
Donations	4,515	173	678	5,366	*6,962*
Sub-total: voluntary income	76,812	1,963	11,793	90,568	*134,676*
Activities for generating funds					
Fundraising	—	—	—	—	—
Saturday morning coffee receipts	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total: activities for generating funds	—	—	—	—	—
Investment income					
Property rent	62,490	–	–	62,490	*63,680*
Interest and dividends	7,860	2,783	1,009	11,652	*13,507*
Sub-total: investment income	70,350	2,783	1,009	74,142	*77,187*
Total: receipts from generated funds	147,162	4,746	12,802	164,710	*211,863*
Receipts from charitable activities					
Wedding/Funeral fees	439	–	—	439	*54*
Concert income	6,894	–	—	6,894	*6,363*
Other income [notes 15 and 16]	107	44,499	—	44,606	*914,891*
Total: receipts from charitable activities	**7,440**	**44,499**	**—**	**51,939**	***921,308***
RECEIPTS: GRAND TOTALS	**154,602**	**49,245**	**12,802**	**216,649**	***1,133,171***
PAYMENTS					
Cost of generating funds					
Fundraising expenses [note 6]	—	—	—	—	—
Total: cost of generating funds	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
Charitable activities					
Diocesan Common Fund	89,980	—	—	89,980	*81,300*
Donations and subscriptions	1,387		2,233	3,620	*2,414*
Upkeep of building	3,442	22,324		25,767	*4,116*
Upkeep of Church services	1,117	177	3,790	5,084	*4,597*
Heating (gas) [note 16]	3,834	—	—	3,834	*6,540*
Electricity	8,877	—	—	8,877	*3,003*
Cleaning [note 11]	3,533	—	—	3,533	*2,044*
Insurance	6,217	—	—	6,217	*5,228*
Salaries [note 11]	3,889	—	—	3,889	*3,629*
Vestry phone	809	—	—	809	*758*
Printing and stationery	465	27	—	492	*326*
Clergy expenses	2,447	54	322	2,823	*2,548*
Concert expenses	5,202	—	—	5,202	*5,616*
Flowers	–	—	187	187	*318*
Sundries	6,399	98,930	3,082	108,411	*955,855*
Property expenses	16,263	—	—	16,263	*28,351*
Total: charitable activities	**153,860**	**121,512**	**9,614**	**284,986**	***1,106,642***
PAYMENTS: GRAND TOTALS	**153,860**	**121,512**	**9,614**	**284,986**	***1,106,642***
Surplus (before transfers)	**743**	**-72,267**	**3,188**	**-68,336**	**26,529**
Transfers	-13,100	13,100	—	—	—
Surplus (after transfers)	**-12,357**	**-59,167**	**3,188**	**-68,336**	***26,529***

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2025

	As at 31-Dec-25	*As at 31-Dec-24*
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets [note 9]	1,325,000	*1,325,000*
	1,325,000	**1,325,000**
Current assets		
Debtors [note 12]	—	—
Cash at bank and in hand [note 9]	275,651	343,755
	275,651	***343,755***
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in 1 year [note 7]	398	*165*
Net current assets less current liabilities	**275,253**	***343,589***
Total assets less current liabilities	**1,600,253**	***1,668,589***
Total net assets less liabilities	**1,600,253**	***1,668,589***

Fund movement summary, 2025

Fund and type [note 2]	Balance brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains/ Losses	Balance carried forward
General fund (unrestricted)	**28,047**	**154,602**	**153,860**	**-13,100**	—	**15,689**
Designated funds						
Annex	-3,571	44,053	38,885		—	1,598
Church fabric	86,141	3,606	21,747	10,000	—	78,000
Legacies and Donations	172,569	947	55,310	—	—	118,205
Mission and Outreach	11,794	—	1,552	—	—	10,243
Organ	11,754	—	577	1,000	—	12,177
Vicar's discretionary fund	684	—	—	—	—	684
Vicarage maintenance [note 13]	3,029	—	3,000	500	—	529
Children and Young People	870	135	164	—	—	841
Boiler renewal	9,813	—	—	1,600	—	11,413
Sequestration	-226	503	277	—		—
Properties [note 7]	1,325,000	—	—	—	—	1,325,000
Sub-total (designated funds)	**1,617,856**	**49,245**	**121,512**	**13,100**	**—**	**1,558,688**
Restricted funds						
Events Committee	3,105	135	291	—	—	2,949
Missionary Committee	78	3	–	—	—	82
Choir	1,533	439	350	—	—	1,622
Gospel Choir	879	30	200	—	—	709
Welcome Centre	415	17	–	—	—	432
Flower fund	485	91	187	—	—	389
Harvest Appeal (Harrow Food Bank)	-106	646	637	—	—	-98
Harrow Food Bank/Firm Foundation	–	188	226	—	—	-38
Tear Fund	–	560	620	—	—	-60
Dell Bequest fund [note 3]	4,383	164	500	—	—	4,047
Naya Jivan [note 14]	11,914	10,529	6,603	—	—	15,841
Sub-total (restricted funds)	**22,687**	**12,802**	**9,614**	**—**	**—**	**25,875**
Grand totals	**1,668,589**	**216,649**	**284,986**	**—**	**—**	**1,600,253**

Figures have been rounded to the nearest pound independently, so may not sum exactly to the totals.
For details of receipts and payments for the funds other than the General Fund, see the Annex.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. As the receipts in 2025 were below £250,000, the accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis, and the 2024 figures have been restated to match. The 2025 accounts include (under "sundries" in the General Fund column) the fee for examining the 2024 accounts of £864 (2024: £780) including VAT.

2. The General Fund represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions on their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. The restricted funds may be used only for the purposes for which the money was given to them.

3. Collections for specific charities are counted as "agency accounts" and have been sent to the relevant organisations before the end of the year (except that a sum of £398 for funeral fees in the last quarter of 2025 was remitted to the Diocese of London in January 2026, and a sum of £165 collected on Christmas Day 2024 was remitted to the Bishop of Willesden's Discretionary Fund in January 2025). The figures are not shown in these accounts. An exception is if the collection included gift aid, in which case it is recorded as a restricted fund in the accounts. The deficits on these funds at the end of the year represent amounts due to be claimed as gift aid in 2026, which were remitted to the organisations concerned at the same time as the gifts.

4. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

5. Income from fundraising and other activities of the church is accounted for gross, with the associated expenditure appearing under "Fundraising expenses" or other relevant expenditure line.

6. Consecrated property is excluded from the accounts under section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011. Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property, and are not included in the accounts. They are listed in the church's inventory.

7. The PCC owns flats at 20 Manor Court and 76 and 77 Moore House, which are let out. These properties were last valued, as at 31 December 2021, at £425,000 for 20 Manor Court and £450,000 each for 76 and 77 Moore House. No value has been assigned to the Annexe, but we will inquire about whether this should be done in future accounts. The total expenditure (net of VAT) on the Annexe has been about £920,000.

8. The figures for Creditors in the Balance Sheet represents sums remitted in the following year as mentioned in Note 3 above. In addition expenditure is expected during 2026 of about £15,000 on work on the servers' vestry roof (from the Fabric Fund) and about £25,000 on remaining work on the Annexe (as mentioned in Note 14).

9. The "cash at bank and in hand" as at 31 December 2025 includes £247,473 on the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

10. Payments are made to the Administrator (under "Salaries") and the Cleaner (under "Cleaning"). There are no disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

11. On 19 September 2007 the PCC agreed to a reserves policy, as follows: "It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the General Fund and any legacies and donations (if possible) which equates to approximately six months' unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of the Fabric Fund is retained towards meeting the cost of repairs to the church building as and when necessary. It is our policy to invest our fund balances in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund." The balances at the end of 2025 represent 6 months' unrestricted payments (not including expenditure on the Annexe). In 2024 the corresponding figure was 16 months' unrestricted payments: the reduction results from the spending of significant amounts of legacy money on the Annexe.

12. Following permission from the Charity Commission to release capital from small permanent endowment funds, in August 2010 the Vicar and Churchwardens requested that the investments of the Dell Bequest be sold and transferred to a restricted PCC fund. The Vicar and Churchwardens still have responsibility for seeing that the funds are distributed in a way which reflects the intention of the original bequest and so annual donations of £500 are made to Harrow Care Plus (formerly Harrow Christmas Care).

13. On 7 July 2016 the PCC agreed to create a Vicarage Maintenance fund to comply with diocesan policy that PCCs should provide the cost of redecoration of one room in the vicarage per year (such costs are not covered by the Diocese). It was agreed to transfer £500 to this fund each year.

14. The accounts (for both 2024 and 2025) contain a designated fund for expenditure on the Annexe being built at the west end of the church; £900,000 of this expenditure has been reimbursed by the Victoria Hall Charity (in 2023 and 2024). In addition, as shown in the Annex, some of the expenditure (effectively, most of the VAT) has been reimbursed under the Government's Listed Places of Worship Scheme. Any payments not covered by the Annexe fund are being taken from the Legacies and Donations Fund, and a further sum of about £25,000 is expected to be paid in 2026.

15. In December 2022 St John's became responsible for the financial affairs of Naya Jivan Church, a Hindi-speaking church meeting at St Andrew's, Kingsbury. The annex to these accounts includes the relevant figures for 2024 and 2025.

16. The analysis of the receipts and payments of the individual funds are provided as an annex to the accounts.

Report by the Independent Examiner

I report to the trustees (the PCC members) on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2025, as set out on pages 20 to 23.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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17th April 2026.

Church of St John the Baptist, Greenhill, Harrow
ANNEX TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2025: FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
This Annex does not form part of the examined accounts.
For opening and closing balances see Financial Statements (Fund Movement Summary)

			2025		2024
CHURCH ANNEXE FUND (designated) See Notes 8 and 15					
Receipts	Grants: Listed Places of Worship Sch	43,996		114,679	114,679
	Donations (sale of bric-a-brac)	58		–	
	Grants: Victoria Hall	–	44,054	800,000	914,679
Payments	Furniture and equipment	947			
	Design/planning/building work	37,938	38,885	948,829	948,829
Surplus (deficit) for year			**5,169**		**(34,150)**
CHURCH FABRIC FUND (designated)					
Receipts	Donations	670		600	
	Grant: Listed Places of Worship Sch	–		62	
	Income tax recovered on gift aid	153		153	
	Interest	2,783	3,606	2,877	3,692
Payments	Servers' vestry roof/high level survey	21,747	21,747	372	372
Surplus (deficit) for year			**(18,141)**		**3,320**
	Transfer from General Fund		10,000		10,000
LEGACIES AND DONATIONS FUND (designated)					
These are substantial legacies and donations for general purposes which the Council proposes to spend on items of lasting value					
Receipts	Legacy	947	947	46,750	46,750
Payments	Annex	55,310	55,310		–
Surplus (deficit) for year			**(54,363)**		**46,750**
MISSION AND OUTREACH FUND (designated)					
Receipts	Donations	–	–	–	–
Payments	Donation	–		100	
	Pew Bibles	690		–	
	Zoom subscription/streaming licence	212		572	
	Website	295		–	
	Bible courses/Lent books etc.	328		95	
	Wi-fi extenders	–		170	
	Other outreach payments	27	1,552	–	937
Surplus (deficit) for year			**(1,552)**		**(937)**
ORGAN FUND (designated)					
Receipts		–	–	–	–
Payments	Servicing and repair	577	577	315	315
Surplus (deficit) for year			**(577)**		**(315)**
	Transfer from General Fund		1,000		1,000
VICAR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (designated)					
Receipts		–	–	–	–
Payments		–	–	–	–
Surplus (deficit) for year			**–**		**–**
VICARAGE MAINTAINANCE FUND (designated)					
Receipts		–	–	–	–
Payments	Vicarage maintainance	–	3,000	–	–
Surplus (deficit) for year			**(3,000)**		**–**
	Transfer from General Fund		500		500

			2025		2024
CHILDREN'S FUND (designated)					
Receipts	Donations	136	136	–	–
Payments	Messy Church	164	164	32	32
Surplus (deficit) for year			**(28)**		**(32)**
BOILER RENEWAL FUND (designated)					
Receipts	Interest		–		–
Payments			–		–
Surplus (deficit) for year			**–**		**–**
	Transfer from General Fund		1,600		1,600
EVENTS COMMITTEE (restricted)					
Receipts	Donations	17		–	
	Interest	119	136	90	90
Payments	Cost of social events	291	291	157	157
Surplus (deficit) for year			**(155)**		**(67)**
CHOIR FUND (restricted)					
Receipts	Stainer's *Crucifixion* and donations	304		304	
	Gift aid	71		66	
	Interest	64	439	60	430
Payments	Stainer's *Crucifixion* expenses	350	350	320	320
Surplus (deficit) for year			**89**		**110**
GOSPEL CHOIR FUND (restricted)					
Receipts	Donations	–		–	
	Interest	30	30	34	34
Payments	Donation	200	200		–
Surplus (deficit) for year			**(170)**		**34**
MISSIONARY COMMITTEE FUND (restricted)					
Receipts	Donation			40	
	Interest	3	3	3	3
Payments		–	–	–	–
Surplus (deficit) for year			**3**		**3**
WELCOME CENTRE FUND (restricted)					
Receipts	Interest	17	17	16	16
Payments		–	–	–	–
Surplus (deficit) for year			**17**		**16**
FLOWER FUND (restricted)					
Receipts	Donations for flowers	74		207	
	Interest	16	90	20	227
Payments	Flower purchases	187	187	318	318
Surplus (deficit) for year			**(97)**		**(91)**

			2025		2024
DELL BEQUEST (restricted)					
Receipts	Interest	164	164	177	177
Payments	Harrow Care Plus	500	500	500	500
Surplus (deficit) for year			**(336)**		**(323)**
SEQUESTRATION FUND (designated)					
Receipts	Reclaimed from Diocese	503	503	–	–
Payments	Service fee	54		–	
	Vicarage electricity and gas	223	277	226	226
Surplus (deficit) for year			**226**		**(226)**
HARVEST APPEAL (restricted)					
Receipts	Donations	537		564	
	Income tax recovered	109	646		564
Payments	Harrow Food Bank	637	637	671	671
Surplus (deficit) for year			**9**		**(107)**
TEAR FUND (restricted)					
Receipts	Donations	560		–	
	Income tax recovered	–	560	–	–
Payments	Tear Fund	620	620	–	–
Surplus (deficit) for year			**(60)**		**–**
CAROL SINGING (HARROW FOOD BANK/FIRM FOUNDATION (restricted)					
Receipts	Donations	188		–	
	Income tax recovered	–	188	–	–
Payments	Harrow Food Bank	226	226	–	–
Surplus (deficit) for year			**(38)**		**–**
NAYA JIVAN [Note 15]					
Receipts	Gift-aided donations	7,795		8,139	
	Income tax recovered	1,622		1,867	
	Non-gift-aided donations	517		414	
	Interest	596	10,530	410	10,830
Payments	Rent to St Andrew's, Kingsbury	3,790		3,570	
	Donations	50			
	Clergy expenses	322		113	
	Events etc.	2,441	6,603	1,145	4,828
Surplus (deficit) for year			**3,927**		**6,002**